

DENTAL/ ANTIBIOTIC LETTER

Since you have undergone a total joint replacement procedure, it is essential that you seek prompt treatment of infections that are present in any part of your body. Sometimes there are instances when infection in one part of your body may cause bacteria to circulate in your blood, possibly resulting in infection at the site of your implant.

If you are to undergo a dental or surgical procedure where the dentist or surgeons feels that there is a possibility of bacterial contamination, we recommend that a course of antibiotics be given.

For dental procedures, or procedures that require instrumentation of the upper respiratory tract, we recommend Clindamycin (300mg), 2 tablets one (1) hour prior to the procedure, then four (4) hours after your procedure, take 2 more tablets. We recommend this antibiotic for gastrointestinal or genitor-urinary procedures as well.

The avoidance of bacterial contamination and infection should help reduce the risk of infection of the total joint implant. Since prompt treatment is essential, please do not hesitate to consult your primary care physician, your dentist or our office, should such a situation arise.

GOOD POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Good dental hygiene is important, and you should see your dentist for regular dental care, whether or not you are currently experiencing a dental problem
- Prompt treatment of infections, particularly in the skin or urinary tract, is also important.